

**AMERICAN LABOR'S POSITION**

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The above declaration of American labor's position in peace or in war was agreed to at a conference of trade union executives on March 12, at the A. F. of L. Building, Washington.

There were present the executive council of the A. F. of L. and 148 delegates named above, representing 79 national and international unions affiliated to the A. F. of L.; the five A. F. of L. departments and the following unaffiliated: Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors of America, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the National Window Glass Workers.

The conference was called by President Gompers, on approval by the executive council, that the trade union movement might voice its views on issues now uppermost in the minds of all citizens.

Prior to the conference the executive council labored for two days and three nights preparing what it believes represents organized labor's ideals, drafting and redrafting it until every paragraph was made to stand the acid test of frank criticism that it is almost inevitable in trade union assemblies.

How well the executive council performed its work is shown by the fact that the declaration stands, after hours of discussion, just as it was presented to the conference, without a changed line, sentiment, word or comma.

"The way to avert war," it is stated, "is to establish constructive agencies for justice in times of peace, and thus control for peace situations and forces that might otherwise result in war."

These trade unionists, while abhorring war, were not blinded by existing facts, nor did they indulge in any illusions regarding the policy which property owners and exploiting employers employ in time of peace or in war.

The conference unanimously declared that while whole-hearted support will be given our country in the event of war, human welfare and human opportunities must not be subordinated in any event.

"Industrial justice is the right of those living within our country," it is stated, "With this right there is associated obligation. In war time obligation takes the form of service in defense of the republic against enemies."

"We recognize that this service may be either military or industrial, both equally essential for national defense. We hold this to be incontrovertible that the government which demands that men and women give their labor power, their bodies or their lives to its service, should also demand the service, in the interest of these human beings, of all wealth and the products of human toil—property."

**"CHEAP LIVING" EXPERTS ARE  
THEORISTS, AS USUAL.**

Indianapolis, Ind.—"Daily newspapers of late have been printing articles about Health Commissioner Robertson of Chicago who tried to demonstrate that man can live on 40 cents a day," says the Bricklayer, Mason and Plasterer.

"These news items, as they appeared day after day, must have been an inspiration to the housewife with four or five children when her husband is earning 'the average wage'—\$2 a day. According to government reports the average wage is \$620 a year. Six in the family, with 40 cents a day to feed each member, assuming that growing children can eat no more than adults, totals \$2.40, which is 40 cents more than her husband earns. Add to this rent, coal, clothing, shoes, furniture and the cost of medical attendance, insurance, etc.

"Now, how to keep alive on 40 cents a day does not interest us, because, in the first place, we don't have an average 40-cent income per capita to the family for food. To get along on 40 cents means that the daily income should be no less than \$5, and since we don't get that much, what's the use?"

"What Dr. Robertson should do is to show why those who produce everything have little and those who produce nothing have much. To be sure, if he did this, he would lose his job and become a victim of 40-cents-a-day meals himself."

**MAY WORK CHEAP BUT NOT  
VOTE.**

Albany, N. Y.—State Senator Brown favors admitting illiterate foreigners to this country, but believes no one should vote unless he can read and write the English language.

He has introduced a bill along the latter lines and at a hearing before the judiciary committee declared that he opposed the Burnett immigration restriction law, which debars foreigners who cannot read in any language.

**WOULD END FOUNDATION.**

Albany, N. Y.—Bills have been introduced in the State assembly and senate to repeal the charter of the Rockefeller foundation. The measure, its sponsors said, is the culmination of futile attempts to obtain an official investigation of the Rockefeller institution. It is proposed by the authors of the bills to have a public discussion at a legislative hearing.

The foundation secured a charter from this State after the congress of the United States refused to charter it.

**THAT LITTLE WHICH HE HATH SHALL BE TAKEN AWAY.****Building Contracts, Contractors and  
Sub-Contractors**

Residence—Remodeling residence in Glendale, Ohio. Owner, Daniel McLaren; architect, Howard McCloy, Gerke Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to Phelan & Powers, of Glendale.

Glendale—A brick bungalow to be built on Knox and Saturn Streets. Owner, Henry Dornette; architect, E. H. Dornette, Pickering Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contracts awarded as follows: Excavation and masonry, August Schardt; brick work, Wm. Erd; cut stone, C. Lang & Co.; iron work, Wm. Lang & Sons Co.; cement and plastering, A. Ranz; plumbing, the Gibson-Schlemmer Co.; electric work, Al. Becker & Son; hardwood floors, Herbert & Glens.

Residence—A 1½-story brick residence to be built at Queen City avenue and Shadwell street. Owner, D. Schott; architect, Martin Fisher, 2156 Central Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to A. R. Heck.

Garage—A brick and concrete garage, to be built on Gest Street, east of Freeman Avenue. Owner, the Queen City Livery Co.; architect, Ben C. DeCamp, Neave Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to Wm. Miller & Son. Cost, \$20,000.

Factory—A new factory building containing 45,000 feet of floor space, to be

erected on Spring Grove Avenue, near Chickering Street. Owner, the Champion Tool Works Co.; architects, Zettel & Rapp, Johnston Building, Cincinnati, O. Contracts awarded as follows: Excavation, cement, brick and plastering, to Frank W. Folz & Co.; plumbing, the Gibson-Schlemmer Co.; roofing, the H. W. Joas-Manville Co., and steel to the Potthoff Construction Co.

Store Front—A new store front, to be installed at 807 Monmouth street, Newport, Ky. Owner, J. B. Fletcher; architects, S. S. & G. H. Godley, Neave Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to Ben Bowman.

Garage—A public garage, 3 stories, 100x95 feet, to be built on Gilbert Avenue, north of Court Street. Owner, the Viaduct Realty Co.; architects, Dittoe, Fahnestock & Ferber, Carew Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to the M. Marcus Building Company.

Garage—A brick garage to be built in Wyoming (Cincinnati), O. Owner, W. S. Pennington; architects, Garber & Woodward, Union Central Building, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to John D. Albert.

Residence—Alterations in residence on Avondale Avenue. Owner, W. S. Kemper; architect, A. C. Kuball, 519 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. Contract awarded to Frank Bueche & Co.

**MECCA OF SHOPPERS**

To Be Made of Vine Street, Says  
Beck to Association.

To make Vine Street the Mecca of automobile shoppers is the ambition of the Central Vine Street Business Association, expressed at a big rally and social meeting last Tuesday night in Cosmopolitan Hall. To this end paving of the thoroughfare from Liberty Street to McMicken Avenue will be sought at the earliest possible opportunity. Advantages possessed by Vine Street were pointed out by President Albert Beck, following his installation as President of the organization for another year.

Other officers installed were: First Vice-President, Walter Heuck; Second Vice-President, Martin Rosenberger; Secretary, Hiram Ingels; Treasurer, George Seiter; Sergeant-at-Arms, A. Fred Koch; Trustees, C. Baumann, John Elmann, Phil. Huppertz, Edward F. Kaelin, Justus L. Kruckemeyer, Otis M.

Miller, Charles Toepfer and Walter Walker.

The following Chairmen of standing committees were appointed by the President: Entertainment, Walter Walker; Lighting, Gus Weil; Street Paving, Martin Rosenberger; Membership, George Hermerding; Street Railways, John Elmann; Christmas Funds, Henry Pohler; Press, Hiram Ingels; Minute-Men Committee, Justus L. Kruckemeyer.

**BOILER MAKERS ADVANCE.**

Elizabeth, N. J.—Conferences with officers of the Boiler Makers' Union has resulted in the Moore Ship Building Company establishing the eight-hour day and the same wage scale as other yards in this vicinity.

Vancouver, B. C.—The Boiler Makers' Union has secured a one-year agreement with the Wallace ship yards and the B. C. Marine Railway Company. This organization has agreements with every shop in Vancouver but two.

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